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PLANCK et al.

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For: **FLAT IMPLANT, METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE AND
USE IN SURGERY**

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 23, 2002. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire October 23, 2002. A petition for 2-month extension of time along with the required fee is herewith submitted, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections and allow this application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows: